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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: OPTICAL FIBER STRAIN SENSOR DEVICE AND STRAIN DETECTION METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority and receipt of the certified priority document. Applicants also thank the Examiner for indicating acceptance of the drawings.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peupelmann (DE 199 13 800) in view of Johnson et al. Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peupelmann in view of Johnson et al. The Examiner has indicated that claim 7 includes patentable subject matter.